

# **WATER USE PERMITTING**

## **REGULATORY PARTNERING WORKSHOP**

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**DO YOU NEED A WATER USE PERMIT?**

**ONLY IF YOU WANT TO...**



...PUMP SOME GROUNDWATER

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...PUMP SOME SURFACE WATER





...DEWATER AN EXCAVATION

# SUMMARY

## Needs a WU Permit

- Public water supply
- Irrigation - all types
- Construction dewatering (excavation, utilities)
- Mining
- Industrial
- Surface water improvement management activities
- Livestock

## Does Not Need a WU Permit

- Supply wells for single family residences
- Fire wells
- Reuse irrigation

## **YES, BUT HOW DO I KNOW THIS?**

**Information About Water Use Permitting can be Found in Volume 3, Basis of Review for Water Use Applications (February 13, 2008). This Manual (as a pdf File) can be Found on the District's Web Site ([www.sfwmd.gov](http://www.sfwmd.gov)).**

# **OK, I'VE GOT A QUESTION ABOUT COMPLETING THE APPLICATION FORM**

**If You Have any Questions While Completing  
the Water Use Application Forms, Help is as  
Close as a Telephone Call. Our Telephone  
Number is (407) 858-6100.**

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## HOW MUCH DOES THIS COST?

Each Type of Water Use Permit Has Its Own Fee. Information Regarding Fees can be Found on the District's Web Site ([www.sfwmd.gov](http://www.sfwmd.gov)).

# **MY PROJECT NEEDED TO START YESTERDAY. HOW LONG DOES THIS PROCESS TAKE?**

**By Statute, Time Frames for Processing Water  
Use Permit Applications are as Follows:**

- **Initial Review – 30 Days from Receipt of Application**
- **Issue Permit – 60 Days from Receipt of Application for a General Permit, 90 Days for an Individual Permit. These Timeframes Assume the Initial Submittal is Complete Upon Receipt.**

# **WHOOOPS, I FORGOT TO DOT AN "i". WHAT HAPPENS NOW?**

**If the Contents of the Application Does Not Contain All of the Information Required to Issue a Water Use Permit, a Request for Additional Information (RAI) Letter Will Be Sent.**

**The Timeframe to Respond to the First RAI is 90 Days. For the Second and Following RAIs, the Timeframe is 30 Days.**



# WHAT ARE SOME EXAMPLES OF COMMON MISTAKES IN SUBMITTALS?

- Ownership Documentation
- Wrong Form
- Wrong Person Signing Form
- Wrong Fee
- No Recent Aerial Photograph Showing Wetlands in the Vicinity of the Project
- Not Providing Reasonable Assurances Dewatering Activities Will Not Impact Wetlands
- Requesting Offsite Discharge of Dewatering Water but Not Providing Reasonable Assurances of No Offsite Impacts
- Not Providing Documentation for Requested Allocation

# **IF IT IS A NO-NOTICE PERMIT, WHY DO I NEED TO TELL YOU???**

No-Notice Dewatering Permits are a special kind of permit that must meet five criteria. The District reserves the right to decide whether the project qualifies for the No-Notice Permit or not. The five criteria are:

- All Discharge Remains Onsite;
- Will Not Dewater Below 0.0 feet NGVD;
- Will Not Occur Within 100 feet of a Wastewater Treatment Plant Rapid Rate Land Application System;
- Will Not Occur Within One Mile of a Known Landfill or Contamination; and,
- Will Not Occur Within 1,000 Feet of a Wetland.



QUESTIONS???